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SUBJECT: REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH SHAH ON MIDEAST
SITUATION

1. ACCORDING FBIS REPORT, SHAH RECENTLY TOLD AMERICAN JOURNALIST WILLIAM LAWRENCE THAT ISRAEL'S DELAYING TACTICS COULD RESULT IN THE FALL OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR AS-SADAT AND HIS REPLACEMENT BY AN EXTREMIST REGIME. THIS ACTION WOULD CULMINATE IN ANOTHER WAR WITH ISRAEL, AND, EVEN IF ISRAEL WERE TO WIN THE NEXT WAR AND TAKE CAIRO OR DAMASCUS, IT WOULD NOT WIN THE FINAL ONE, ACCORDING TO THE SHAH.

2. SHAH IS QUOTED FURTHER AS SAYING THAT SAFEGUARDING OF ISRAEL'S SECURITY CAN BE INSURED ONLY BY AN INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEE OF ITS PRE-1967 BORDER. SHAH IS REPORTED TO BE OF OPINION THAT SHOULD THE US AND THE USSR JOIN IN SUCH A GUARANTEE, THAT SHOULD BE MORE OR LESS UNCLASSIFIED

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ENOUGH, BUT POSSIBLY IT WOULD BE WISER IF THIS GUARANTEE

WERE GIVEN WITHIN THE UN FRAMEWORK BY THE SECURITY
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